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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/749,106	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BATES ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 10 April 2008.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
 If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 5.

Identification of prior art discussed: Bonomi of the record.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed a proposal for amendment of claim 5 to further define a plurality of subscriber groups and the relationship of the subscribers in each/subset of subscriber groups and price(s) for the purchase order. Results to follow in amendment.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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